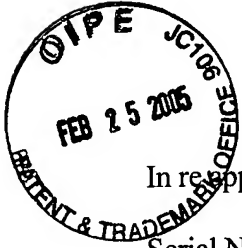


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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2004 ("Office Action"), Applicants respond as follows: